

PROJECT HISTORY

In February 2005, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) completed the Heartland Parkway Alternatives Planning Study. That study analyzed alternative corridors connecting the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Parkway to the south with the Martha Layne Collins Bluegrass Parkway on the north.

Alternatives studied included a no-build option, following the existing alignment, and developing a new alignment. The alternative recommended for further study followed the existing alignment and utilized KY 55, US 68, and KY 555. Use of the bypasses around the communities of Columbia and Lebanon were recommended. A new bypass around Campbellsville to the southeast was recommended. The KYTC has since divided the corridor into smaller sections for preliminary engineering and environmental assessment, including the section under review tonight - from the Columbia Bypass to the north side of Campbellsville.

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

Tonight’s public meeting is an important step in the completion of Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Assessment for the portion of this corridor from the Columbia Bypass north along existing KY 55, then eastbound on new alignment to US 68 northeast of Campbellsville. Maps presented tonight depict various alternatives developed to date. From these, a short list of promising alternatives will be chosen for more detailed engineering and environmental documentation. We need your input regarding which alignments and segments you prefer or are concerned about, and why.

Funding for the Heartland Parkway currently covers the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Assessment for the section presented tonight. Funding for additional phases (right-of-way, utility relocation and construction) has not been appropriated for this section to date.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The schedule for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Assessment of the KY 55 Heartland Parkway spans a five-year period. Many interdependent steps are involved in the process of integrating preliminary design with public involvement and environmental documentation. The major milestones for this project are as follows:

Public Meeting No. 1	Oct. 2007
Focus Group Meeting No. 1	Dec. 2007
Public Meeting No. 2: Stage 1 Alternatives	March 2009
Focus Group Meeting No. 2	May 2009
Public Meeting No. 3: Stage 2 Alternatives	Sept. 2009
Focus Group Meeting No. 3	Jan. 2011
Approval of Environmental Base Studies	Feb. 2011
Approval of EA* by FHWA	May 2011
Public Hearings	Sept. 2011
Focus Group Meeting No. 4	Nov. 2011
FHWA Approval of Preferred Alternative	Aug. 2012

\*EA = Environmental Assessment

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and selected engineering consultants are available to answer questions you may have regarding this project. In addition, various exhibits are on display to assist you in understanding the facets of this project. You are encouraged to make an official comment that will be incorporated into the project summary.

To make a written statement, complete one of the comment sheets provided and leave it tonight with one of the representatives or mail it within 15 days (April 8, 2009) to the address listed below.

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Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to [comments@heartlandpkwy.com](mailto:comments@heartlandpkwy.com).

KY 55 Heartland Parkway  
Public Meeting #2  
Stage 1: Conceptual Alternatives



TYPICAL SECTION

The KY 55-Heartland Parkway will be constructed with a four-lane typical section with a depressed median, much like the Lincoln Parkway in Larue County. Partial control of access will be utilized with entrances only allowed at a spacing of 1,200 feet. Frontage roads will be provided where needed to maintain this access control spacing.

March 17, 2009  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. CT  
Adair County High School  
Columbia, KY

March 24, 2009  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET  
Taylor County High School  
Campbellsville, KY





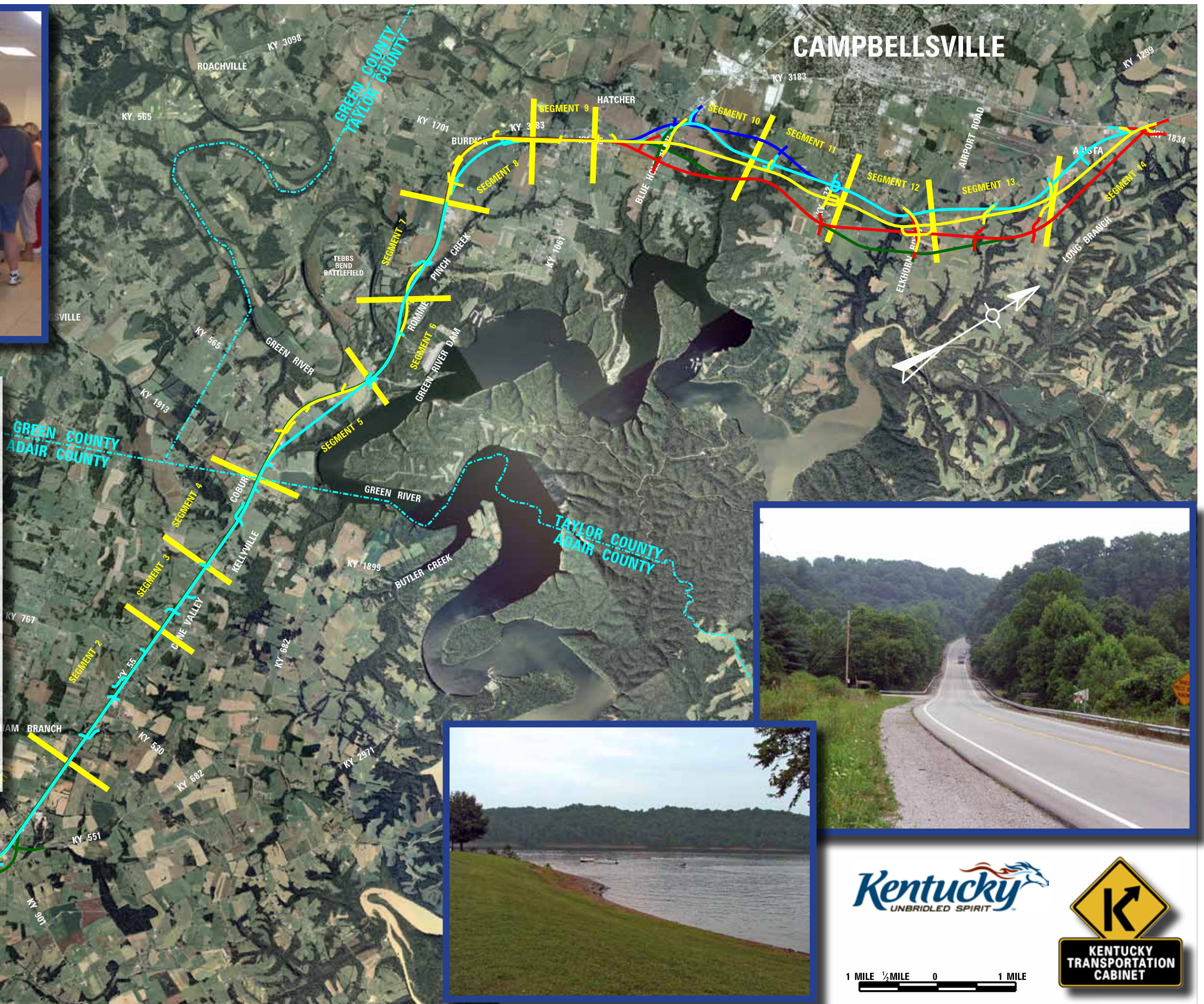


## ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives presented at this meeting are in the first stage of preliminary engineering (Stage 1 Conceptual Alternatives). Alternatives were developed utilizing information obtained from comments following the first public meetings, meetings with Focus Groups, engineering analyses, and preliminary environmental assessments.

For the existing KY 55 corridor, alternatives include widening along both sides, widening to the west and widening to the east side of KY 55. In some places, alternatives showing new alignments along KY 55 have been developed to (1) avoid sites that have been identified as historic or (2) to provide for free-flowing movements between KY 55 and the Columbia Bypass. Alternatives also are presented for bypassing Campbellsville to the southeast.

To enable us to pick the best alignment, the project has been broken into segments and alternatives that can be "mixed and matched" to arrive at the best overall solution. These segments are not construction segments---these will be determined later.



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